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Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans' Program Advisory Board

Meeting Summary

March 16, 2010

10:30 a.m. – Noon

VFW Post 2995 – Redmond

Call to Order

King County Advisory Board, Bill Wood called meeting to order at 10:45 am.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:, Tom Leonard, Rick Woodruff, Art Dammkoehler, Lyle Stevenson, Doug Hoople, Debra Wood, Bill Wood, Eugene J Vojir

Board Members Excused/Absent:

Stan Gunno, Bill Metcalf, Eddie Jensen, Harry Brown, Roger Welles, Ray Tomlinson, David Waggoner

County Staff Present:

Debra Gay DCHS – King County Veterans Program
Fred Steele DCHS – King County Veterans Program
Joel Estey DCHS – King County Veterans Program
Rita Sanchez DCHS – King County Veterans Program

Review of Meeting Summary

The minutes for February 2010

ACTION:

Minutes were approved

Committee Reports

Appeals: No appeals.

Budget & Finance: Budget committee met in March to discuss a number of budget related issues. Rick Woodruff will give a more comprehensive report at the retreat. Rick did talk about the direct service budget for the King County Veterans Program which averages out to approximately \$90,000-93,000 a month. Rick affirmed that the program should not have revenue shortages this year if King County Veterans Program continues on this pace. King County Veterans Program has been under budget for January and February 2010.

Programs: Programs Committee will meet in early April to discuss an agenda for the upcoming retreat for April 20, 2010.



Monthly Reports: Fred Steele - discussed the financial services for the Veterans Program. Fred Steele provided background information regarding services for the King County Veterans Programs and the comparisons between the different service locations which include Seattle, Renton and all the Satellite Services from January 2009 – February 2010. Fred talked about the spikes in the different months and why March and April. These spikes are indicative of higher winter utility and housing needs that lag in posting to the accounting system for January and February. Financial reports will have new graphs and charts that will break down the services provided.

Fred Steele- discussed the 2009 review/overview for the KCVP

- Completion of KCVP Policy and Procedure Manual that effectively communicates the goals, procedures and guidelines for service delivery
- Completion of new forms for log-in application, assessments and self-sufficiency matrix.
- Initiation and partial completion of the Veterans Information Base-Electronic (VIBE) in order to better assist clients.
- During 2009 759 new cases in Seattle, 350 new case files in Renton and 80 new case files opened in Satellite sites.
- Seven new Satellite sites for direct assistance to veterans in cities throughout King County.

Levy: – Doug Hoople- suggested that a report be developed to show what outcomes and success of King County Veterans Program as this information would be helpful for the Levy Oversight Committee.

Bill Wood – discussed Levy Oversight Board RFP's going out and being returned. Homeless, RFP's have gone out and money being appropriated, adding that a number of housing projects will be coming online during 2010 and 2011; WDVA is getting the word out to veterans about other available programs.

Speaking engagements: Bill Wood - discussed having speaking engagements with Joel Estey and Sadikifu Akina-James across the county with a lot of council members. Last one was in Snoqualmie. Joel Estey discussed outreach opportunities and the several presentation that have been provided to a number of city councils, senior centers, veterans' service groups and human service agencies.

Publicity: We will need to get out mailers and contact colleges, getting online to get younger veterans to participate and in joining the King County Veterans Program Advisory Board. Post an ad or announcement in the News Paper for upcoming elections or meetings.

Legislative: No Legislative and finance reports

Old Business

Website updates:

Updated Minutes

How to access the program?

Applications

How to become a member? (Bylaws, RCW)

Contact information

All members elected to the Board on February 22, 2010 that were not present were contacted by mail and responded in writing to accept their nominations.

Debra discussed an article that was on Female Vets, a new fight home.

Post 204 needs more members and women vets

March 30 CJI/Veterans Forum will be held at the Chinook

New Business

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Rick Woodruff elected as Chairman

Doug Hoople elected as Chairman

Next Meeting

Retreat April 20, 2010 VFW 2995

May 18, 2010

Good of the Order

April 5, 2010 St. Andrews Housing Group breaking ground/ housing for 28 Vets

Veteran Center moving along with their building

April 16, 2010 CVC – Regional Conference Oak Harbor

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.